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Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.70

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 8 of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.70, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General, if necessary, to send a team of experts to Cambodia as may be required for the preparation of his report.

Relationship of the proposed request to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005

2. The activities referred to above would fall under programme 5, Legal affairs, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005. Provision has not been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (see A/56/6 (Sect. 8)) for the activities proposed in operative paragraph 8 of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.70.

Activities by which the request would be implemented

3. Consistent with operative paragraphs 7 and 8 of the draft resolution, the Secretary-General would assemble a team of experts, including legal officers and political affairs officers, to travel to Cambodia in order to conduct consultations and negotiations with the Government of Cambodia concerning the establishment, efficient and cost-effective operation and financing and staffing of the Extraordinary Chambers in order to submit to the General Assembly the report referred to in operative paragraph 7 of the draft resolution.

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Estimated resource requirements

4. The estimated cost of sending a team of experts to Cambodia as may be required for the preparation of the Secretary-General's report for a two-week period in January 2003 amounts to $44,800. Substantive support for the team of experts would be provided by the Office of Legal Affairs and the Department of Political Affairs.

Action required from the General Assembly

5. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.70, additional provisions in the amount of $44,800 would be required under section 8, Legal affairs, of the programme budget for 2002-2003.

6. **By its resolution 56/254 A of 24 December 2001, the General Assembly appropriated $35,265,800 under section 8, Legal affairs, of the programme budget for 2002-2003. As that provision has been more than fully allocated for operations approved by the General Assembly or the Security Council, the additional requirements of $44,800 that would arise should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.70 would have to be treated under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of Annex to General Assembly resolution 41/213. Accordingly, additional appropriations in the amounts outlined above in paragraph 5 would be required for the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.**